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This short history was written by John:

I, John Cummings, son of Harmon and Mary Cummings, was born December 4, 1802, in Anderson County, South Carolina. When I was 28 years of age I went to Gibson County, Tennessee, where I met Rachel Canada whom I courted and married in the year 1831. She was born January 20, 1813, in Gibson County, Tennessee. We lived in this locality until we had five children. My wife and I investigated the religion (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and in the fall of that year we both embraced the truth and were baptized in the branch of that place.

The saints in that part of the country began starting for Nauvoo. So in the spring of 1843 we moved to Nauvoo in the State of Illinois. I soon joined the Legion, being one of the number I was called to take my gun and be a bodyguard for the protection of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I did so until we were called to go to Camp Creek. We remained here until the burning of our property commenced. Although we escaped ourselves from the burning, we saw the fires and smoke of our homes and those of our brethren around us. From day to day, for weeks and months, wagons were sent out from Nauvoo to bring the scattered families in for protection.

In the spring of 1846, we left Nauvoo without knowing where we would locate. In the fall we stopped at the Council Bluffs and remained two years. We then left for Gallows Grove, 50 (or 5) miles above Kanesville and stayed there three years.

In the spring of 1852 we started for Utah. (The book, How Beautiful Upon the Mountains, notes that they traveled in the John Maxwell Company.) It was the first day of June. On the 12th of October we arrived in Provo City in Utah Territory, making four months and 12 days on the way. We remained in Provo City, Utah County, until the fall of, I think, 1861 and then moved into Provo Valley, Heber City, Wasatch County.

I was ordained a Seventy while in Nauvoo and received into the 21st Quorum. After arriving in Utah, it was found that the 21st Quorum was full, so I was attached to the 25th Quorum. While in Heber City, Patriarch John Young came and organized a Quorum of High Priests and I became a member of that Quorum.

(Here the account ends by John Cummings. However, How Beautiful Upon the Mountains adds:

The family lived in Provo until 1858. Sons William and Isaac Cummings came with people by the name of Parker (Joseph Parker) to Wasatch County.

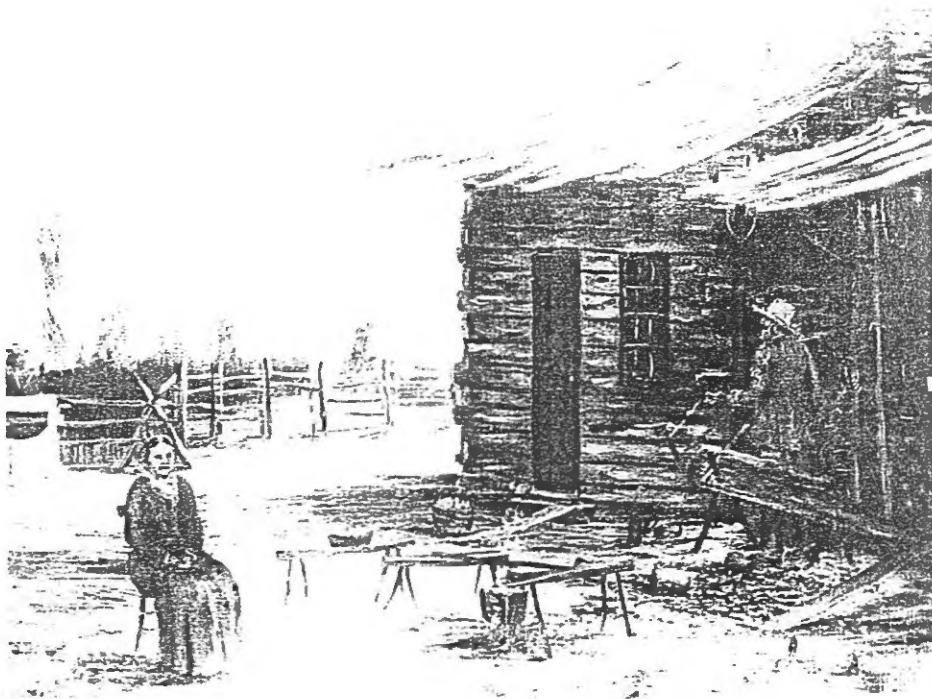
The boys returned to Provo for the winter. In the spring they came back to their land. "Pap" (John and Rachel were known as "Pap" and "Mam" Cummings) and son

John brought their 300 sheep. They took other people's sheep to herd until the flock numbered 1,800 head.

When fall came, John (we presume the son) had to take the sheep back to Provo. When he came to the river he met a man who asked him how he was going to get the sheep across. John tied a rope to the leader and the man took the rope. John made the other sheep follow.

In the spring of 1861 the family came to the valley to make their home. "Pap's" first home was inside the fort. His next home was on West Main Street and First North. This house had two rooms. They lived here, with the help of nieces, until they were unable to care for themselves.

Their daughter, "Aunt Sally" (Sarah Ann Cummings Jones,) took them into her home and cared for them until their death. Rachel Canarda Cummings died on March 29, 1895, at the age of 84. John Cummings died on September 8, 1895, at the age of 93. Their children included: Harmon, Sarah Ann, William, Mary Jane, Nancy (our progenitor), Isaac, John James and Malinda (Melinda).



*The two-room house of John and Rachel located on West Main Street and First North.
(The artist is unknown to us)*

John Cummings Patriarchal Blessing
Provo City, Utah, 13 Dec., 185-

A Patriarchal blessing by Isaac Morley on the head of John Cummings, son of Harmon and Mary Cummings, born 4th Dec. 1802, Anderson, South Carolina.

Brother John, in the name of the Lord, I lay my hands upon thy head, to bless you with the seals and promises of the fathers that thou mayest enjoy all the covenants of promises that the seals and blessings of the everlasting priesthood may be intended toward thee.

Thou art numbered with seeds of Abraham by covenants, by obedience to the requirements of the everlasting gospel.

It is thy right, thy exclusive privilege to obey the Patriarchal order of God. To extend thy Kingdom and Dominion yet thou art to be governed by motive laws. And I say unto thee step forward, by virtue of the Priesthood, and thou shalt enjoy thy blessings of plurality of wives. An increase of posterity which thou art to lay the foundation of thy exaltation while journeying here below. These blessings are extended forward to thee. They are thy enjoyment and exaltation.

Thou are a descendant from the family of Abraham, through the loins of Joseph. Thou art numbered with those who are as the sands upon the sea shore, and the stars of heaven. This is a blessing to Abraham. This is thy blessing. Act up to thy calling and thou shalt realize its fulfillment. Wisdom shall be thy dictator in thy pursuit.

Prudence shall be thy monitor of thy mind in thy choice of life. By promise I seal upon thee a kingdom and Dominion that is to be without end, for thy blessings are endless, thy increase eternal.

I ratify this seal with the blessings of the earth, for thy welfare I ratify this seal with the blessings of the earth, for thy welfare here and hereafter, I ratify the seal in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen and Amen.

HUSBAND John CUMMINGS (farmer) Born 2 Dec 1802 Place Pendleton Dist, Anderson, South Carolina Chr. Came to Utah in 1852 in John Maxwell Co. Marr. 16 Mar 1832 Place Gibson County, Tennessee Died 8 Dec 1895 Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah Bur. HUSBAND'S FATHER Harmon CUMMINGS HUSBAND'S MOTHER Mary JAMES HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES										Husband John CUMMINGS 1802 Wife Rachel CANADA Ward 1 Examiners 2 State or Mission NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET Leah McDonald Houtz 250 West 1st North Midway, Utah 84049											
WIFE Rachel CANADA Born 20 Jan 1812 Place Maury, Maury, Tennessee Chr. Died 29 Mar 1895 Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah Bur. WIFE'S FATHER Isaac CANADA WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS										WIFE'S MOTHER Sarah PRITCHET											
CHILDREN List birth child (number being or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME										WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR WHERE BORN TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE DAY MONTH YEAR WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR											
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F	Mary Jane	CUMMINGS	28 Oct	1833			Gibson	Tenns	11 Nov 1855	6 May	1906										
M	William	CUMMINGS	30 Jul	1835					3 Oct 1861	28 Jan	1922										
M	Isaac	CUMMINGS	31 May	1837					4 Apr 1860	7 Apr	1906										
F	Sarah Ann	CUMMINGS	20 Mar	1839					13 Dec 1856	28 Sep	1909										
F	Malinda	CUMMINGS	6 Apr	1841					6 Apr 1857 (div)	31 Jan	1909										
M	Nancy	CUMMINGS	7 Sep	1843	Nauvoo		Hancock	Ill	1863	15 Oct	1881										
M	John James	CUMMINGS	25 Mar	1846	Montrose		Lee	Iowa	27 Feb 1865	28 Mar	1929										
M	Harmon	CUMMINGS	7 Jul	1850	Hollows Grove		Harrison	Iowa	28 Jul 1872	11 Feb	1920										
M	Thomas	CUMMINGS	1852																		
M	Joseph	CUMMINGS	6 Jan	1857	Provo		Utah	Utah	Unord		5 Jun 1872										
SOURCES OF INFORMATION										OTHER MARRIAGES											
Family Records of John Cummings, Convert to the Church Father, Mother and first seven children rebaptised 30 Nov 1894 Film 6441 F Utah pt 1 pg 52. Early history and records of Provo, Utah Heber Utah Ward Records F # 026023										#5 Malinda md 1) 6 Apr 1857 James Andrew ROSS Temple divorce 1963 md 2) 24 Jul 1864 Jacob Harris BAILY #7 John md 2) 7 May 1890 EH Lenora DUKE											
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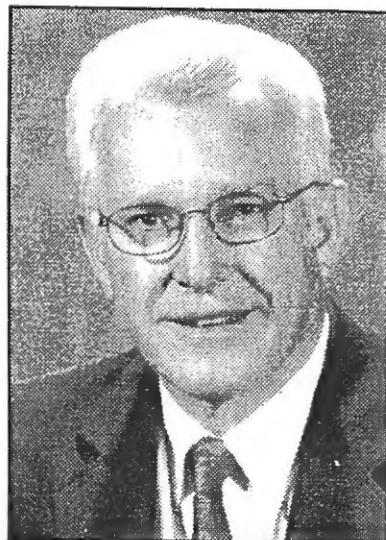
Michael Moulton to Speak at SUP

Michael J Moulton is a descendant of Thomas Moulton, who crossed the plains with the Willy Handcart Company in 1856, and who settled in Heber Valley in 1860.

His maternal Great Grandfather was Joseph S. McDonald, was another early settler of Heber Valley.

He will present the family history of these two families at the regularly scheduled meeting March 21, 2002, at the 10th Ward building, located on Main Street in Midway.

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. All Sons of Utah Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend.



Michael J. Moulton

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This Week

Scouting Food Drive

The annual Scouting For Food Drive is coming. Food bags will be delivered starting March 23 by the Wasatch District Cub Scouts, and will be picked up and delivered to the Senior Citizens Center by the older scouts on March 30. Your cooperation